Contract Farming in Haryana

4690. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that MNCs and big private sector players are trying to get Haryana Government's nod for contract farming in that State; and

(b) whether it is necessary for the centre to enact a proper legislation and whether such proposal is to be approved by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No multi national company or big private sector players have approached Government of Haryana for permission for contract farming in the state. However M/s. Pepsico India Ltd., a multinational company has entered into agreement with some cultivators in village Daula of Gurgoan district for growing groundnut and guar.

(b) Presently there is no proposal of enacting any legislation to regulate the contract farming.

Quality Control at MDFVL, Mangolpuri

4691. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri, New Delhi has been procuring large quantity of fruits and vegetables from other States, without checking the quality;

(b) if so, what mechanism is adopted to check the quality of products before procurement;

(c) whether poor quality products are purchased by the plant at a high price; and

(d) if so, the factual position thereof and the steps Government propose to take against the officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) F&V Plant, Mangolpuri procures fruits and vegetables from various States outside Delhi. Quality check is made for all purchases of fruit and vegetable Items.

(b) Sorted/graded fruits and vegetables are procured from the farmers/farmers' organizations of various States as per the quality specifications given to them. Quality and quantity of fruits and vegetables received are checked at the Plant Dock. Produces are accepted only if it meets the quality specifications.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply above.

Loan to Farmers by NABARD

† 4692. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are concerned about not bringing down rate of interest on loans to farmers by NABARD;

(b) if so, whether Government are serious about suicides being committed by farmers on account of loans;

(c) if so, whether any suggestions has been made to NABARD to deal leniently in case of loans to farmers; and

(d) whether any suggestion or decison in the above case is likely to be Implemented by NABARD keeping in view the interest of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Matters pertaining to reduction in the rate of interest, providing increased amount of institutional credit and avoiding coercive measures in recovering the loans from the farmers have

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.